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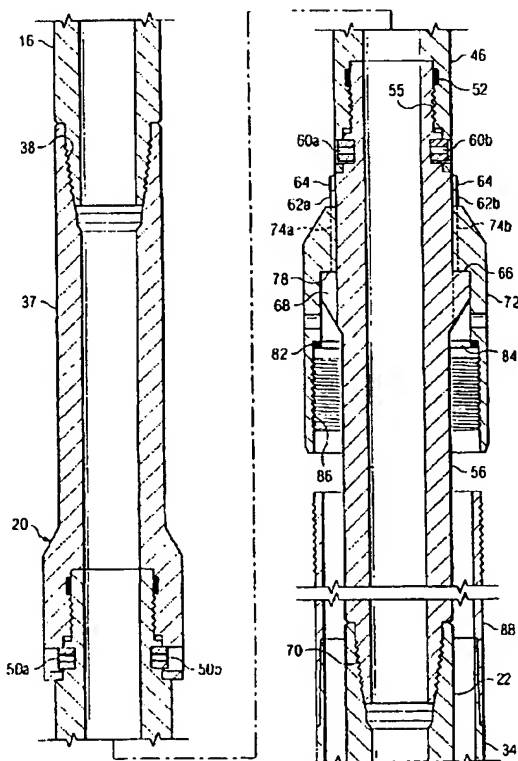
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to which a first tubular member (34) is adapted to be lowered into  
a well bore and a second tubular member (120) is connected to the  
first tubular member (34). A third tubular member (102, 112) is  
normally connected to the first tubular member (34) and discon-  
nected from the second tubular member (102, 112), and is adapted  
for movement relative to the first (34) and second tubular (120,  
112) members to disconnect from the first tubular member (34)  
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